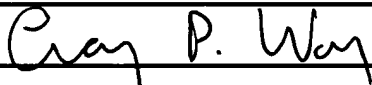
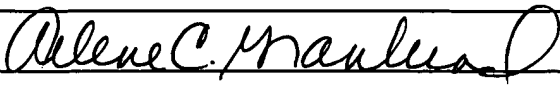
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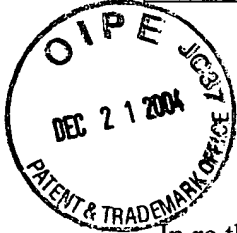
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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The amendments to the Claim section begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks section begins on page 6 of this paper.